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ELECTRONIC DEVICES THROUGH A WIRING HARNESS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. HEI 10-214526, which was published
on August 11, 1998, along with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. HEI 10-208566, which was published
on August 7, 1998, along with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-225902, which was published on
August 15, 2000, along with an English language Abstract of the same.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and
cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been

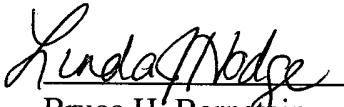
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listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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